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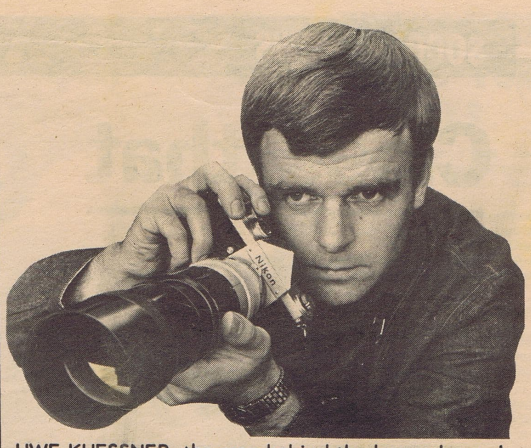
They all wanted Hans, the German



UWE KUESSNER, the man behind the lens, who each week brings Soccer News readers top action pictures of State League games. See his graphic cover of last weekend's highlights on page 4.

CLUBS FIGHT OVER PLAYER

By STEPHEN KALUS

Two State League clubs, Melbourne and Croatia, clashed off the field last Friday night for a German player — 21 year old forward Hans Dresp.

And Melbourne won — but not after one of the biggest rows ever in the league over a single player.

At one stage the matter was so serious, Victorian Federation officials were considering calling a special meeting to decide the issue. As some members were not available, the Federation secretary, contacted some of them for their views to settle the dispute.

Eventually the player was signed by Melbourne-Hungaria and he took the field for them against George Cross, at Olympic Park, on Saturday.

Dresp is a highly respected inside forward from Spandaur, a West Berlin club.

It is understood several Victorian clubs as well as one in New South Wales sought his services when he arrived in Australia a couple of weeks ago.

Enver Begovic, Croatia president, said at the weekend:

"I regret I have no official comment to make other than the fact I am placing all the relevant information on the episode with the Victorian Soccer Federation."

● *HANS DRESP*

GOOD PLAYER

Tom Markus, Melbourne secretary, said: "Dresp is quite a good player.

"One of the deciding factors which made him join us was our new ground at St. Kilda."

Mr. Markus would not say how much Dresp cost the club.

It is understood the German player was brought to Australia by Frank Shwab, a former Richmond, Lions and St. Albans club official.

Mr. Shwab, who is also a sports writer for a Melbourne-based German newspaper, has set himself up as a players' agent here.

The trouble started after Dresp signed papers to join Melbourne last Wednesday, then Croatia stepped in claiming he was their player.

NOT INSPIRING

Dresp, although not inspiring, was responsible for the only goal scored by Melbourne on Saturday. Dresp who speaks German and cannot understand English, said that after arriving in Australia during the Easter holidays, he had a look at several State League games before deciding which team to join.

"I wanted to join a team playing a similar style of Soccer which I have been used to in Europe and as the Melbourne - Hungaria style appealed to me most, that is why I joined them," he said.

Dresp is impressed with the number of young players in the Melbourne side and he hopes to achieve good results with them and the team.

TOM STANKOVIC JOINS G.C.

Tommy Stankovic, J.U.S.T. star winger, has been signed by George Cross for $3,000 and will play for the Cross against Juventus on Sunday.

George Cross are making a deal with Pan Hellenic of Sydney for Johnny Sanchez for $3,000. He should sign this week.

ACTION:

Here's all the action from the Middle Park game last Sunday when Hellas beat Alexander 7-3 before 8,000 fans. Johnny Bedford (top left) rushes in as Hellas players Jim Pyrgolios and centre forward Elysses Kokinos crash to the ground. Taki Xantopolous (No. 2) and Basil Kourkalakous (No. 5) are the Alexander players.

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Close that trap or else, boys!

By FRED VILLIERS

Talent and temper do not mix on the Soccer ground, and it's about time some of our players realised it.

Opening round of this season's Victorian competition was a shocker — no less than nine players were "booked" by referees for bad conduct.

When will our players learn to keep their traps shut on the field of play?

And when will they learn to control their tempers?

Star Melbourne - Hungaria forward Atilla Abonyi was suspended for three games for kicking opponent against Footscray - J.U.S.T. at Schintler Reserve.

Footscray player Vojislav Cakovic received two games suspension, also for kicking.

While Emanuel Caruana, a George Cross reserve, was stood down for three games for using bad language.

In the Metropolitan League, six players were found guilty of using bad language, kicking or striking opponents.

- G. Schober (Elwood-Austria), was suspended for two matches for bad language.
- L. Williams (Moreland Thistle), six-match bond, striking.
- Jim Davis (Ferntree Gully), one match, striking.
- L. Cook (Ringwood United), three matches, striking.
- J. Morrison (Frankston), three matches, striking.
- G. Camilieri (St. Albans), three matches, kicking an opponent.

Was it really necessary?

Did these players achieve anything with their actions on the ground?

No.

All they did was to put their clubs in jeopardy.

This kind of nonsense is not exclusive to Australia.

It happens in every Soccer country, but in Australia the facts are usually sensationalised particularly in the anti-Soccer Press.

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Melbourne's sporting public know too well about the brawls and fights of our game.

Ask them what they know about Soccer.

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Because far too many of our players — and fans — will not behave themselves.

About a year ago the English Football Association took the unusual step of having an off-the-record and heart-to-heart talk with Alan Ball, England's small but dynamic international forward.

Although Ball, before that time, had been cautioned nine times, suspended in 1964 for two weeks and fined £100 in 1965 for being sent off during an England Under-23 international in Austria, he had done nothing wrong when asked to appear before the Disciplinary Committee.

Soccer's law enforcers went out of their way to spell out kindly to Ball that the entire football world was at his feet if he controlled his temper, but if he didn't respond to discipline he would get nowhere.

It was a remarkable and secret gesture by the F.A.

Ball was privileged to get such special attention.

How has the 21-year-old Everton star responded?

He became a World Cup hero for England and his fantastic stamina during the extra 30 minutes of extra time in the Final against Germany will long be re bered.

Ball obviously learnt a player like Denis Law we'll see here with Man ter United next June.

Denis was once a bad but now he's playing than ever.

This complete profess realised that talent and per do not mix on the

And I think it's time of our hot-headed pl cooled down and realised all this nonsense on the gr gets them nowhere.

If these methods work seas, then why not here

Isn't it about time th torian Federation, or Australian body for that ter, had a heart-to-hear with some of our naughty

Imagine what an inf it would have on a you and-coming player like A

It would surely ma break him.

Whatever the result worth the effort.

Isn't it?

Hot-tempered Alan Ball shows his disapproval of the referee's decis match against Manchester City. He was booked agp

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It's a big day at St. Kilda

Two Soccer flags will fly proudly from the former A Rules citadel — St. Kilda Cricket Ground — on Sunday

The flags of the Australian Soccer Federation and Melbourne - Hungaria club will herald in the opening of the ground for Soccer.

Many V.I.P.'s will be present for this historic occasion where the program includes the State League game between Melbourne and Preston-Makedonia, at 2.45 p.m.

There also will be a reception after the match at the clubrooms.

The Melbourne and Juventus clubs who share St. Kilda Cricket Ground have some of the best facilities in the league including, reception room, secretary's office, bathrooms, showers, dressing rooms and referee's room.

Tom Markus, Melbourne se praised Mr. Hec Oakley, St. Kil president, and Gordon Tamblyn tary, for the way they had p the ground for Soccer.

At present it looks like a table with rich lush grass suita a game of bowls.

Alan Fitcher, noted Australian reporter, looked in at the grou week and said "I've not seen a like this before.

"The ground is perfect. It's than the M.C.G."

The ground holds 50,000 a accommodate about 8,000 under

Melbourne had their first there on Tuesday night.

JIM COOK, the Soccer News expert, looks at the third round of State League . . .

Brilliant start by Hakoah

With two rounds gone, no clear pattern emerges as to which teams are likely to dominate the chase for the 1967 State League title.

But Hakoah have made a brilliant start and once again as has invariably happened in the past three years, Juventus are hot on the tails of the leaders.

So far few games, if any in fact, could be considered as classics mainly because the desperate race for points by every club is on in earnest.

Still the first two rounds have produced plenty to keep the interest in the game.

Here's a run-down on the highlights:—

● Hakoah and Footscray-J.U.S.T. are the only two sides with maximum points. And into the bargain, Hakoah have scored seven goals without conceding one.

● George Cross, struggling to find a settled side, are pointless and goal-less as well but have conceded four in two games.

● South Melbourne-Hellas chalked up the biggest score for some time by finding the net seven times against Alexander. However, losing three in the process is hardly championship form.

● Only one draw has so far been recorded in the dozen games — Juventus and S.M.-Hellas, 0-0.

● Footscray-J.U.S.T. without really being in top gear, have scored six goals in two matches.

● Even with a goalkeeper of the calibre of Sam Service, Alexander have lost nine goals in two matches. A shocking defensive record by any standards.

● Preston-Makedonia, the former First Division club, have made a poor start to their State League program losing both games in which they have scored two goals and conceded seven.

Now for this weekend's games and although shock and freak results may still emerge, I expect them to be rather the exception than the rule now the teams are settling down.

SLAVIA v. S.M.-HELLAS

The two top league sides in 1966 will battle it out here in what could be a real thriller. Both have the attributes to do so.

Slavia much more steady in defence than Hellas have, however, to give way to the Greek side's attack who in the right mood really chase the goals.

Slavia full backs, Sandy Jones and David High, could have their hands full with enterprising Hellas wingers, Jimmy Pygrolis and Leo Damanaikos.

MY TIP: Hellas to win.

MELBOURNE v. MAKEDONIA

Despite the handicap of losing Barry Taylor and the enforced absence of Ottie Abonyi, class should tell in favor of Melbourne.

For so far Makedonia are injecting so much new blood into their side that the mixture may take more time to have the desired effect. If it ever does.

All eyes will be on controversial Melbourne signing, Hans Dresp, who made his debut against George Cross and made their winning goal.

MY TIP: Melbourne to win.

GEORGE CROSS v. JUVENTUS

Off to a bad start and still looking for the best formation, George Cross have a tough assignment on their hands here.

Inside forward Reuben Evans may be back after missing the first two games through injury. This could help their cause.

Juventus are much improved in both defence and attack and Freak Torcque is paying his way at centre.

However, Juventus have a bit to go in the art of finishing.

MY TIP: Juventus to win.

HAKOAH v. POLONIA

In top gear and probably the most experienced side in the State League, Hakoah are also well balanced from goal to left wing.

With stability the key-note they have at the moment a big advantage over most clubs.

And another advantage is the giant centre and goal getter, Ian Monan, whose nodding capacity is unequalled.

Polonia can't be discarded without a chance.

They have pace and also plenty of experience and usually acquit themselves well.

MY TIP: Hakoah to win.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v. CROATIA

With Frank Micic in top gear and a general all-round improvement, J.U.S.T. have opened on a brighter note than in the past with full points from their two games.

More improvement can be looked for from the Footscray side.

However, they face formidable opposition from Croatia who will be flat out to atone for their thrashing by Hakoah.

Croatia nevertheless must tighten their defence.

Forwards can play much better than they did last week.

MY TIP. A draw.

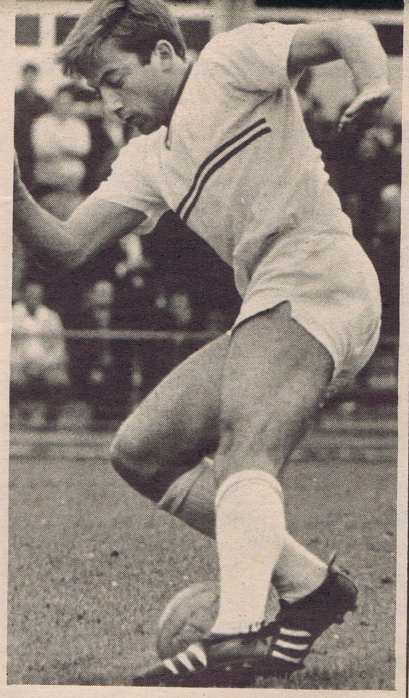
ALEXANDER v. LIONS

With an improved style of play Lions still need to better their approach work which against Juventus was pretty futile.

The Essendon side also need a better link-up between defence and attack to give scoring forwards, Tom Roseweir and Steve Walker, the right kind of passes.

Although scoring three against Hellas, the Alexander side touched "rock bottom" and much improvement is needed if they are to get on the points list.

MY TIP: Lions to win.



COLIN MYERS, Melbourne's left winger, in action at Olympic Park on Saturday. Colin is a former Gravesend, Kent, player.

State League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Hakoah	2	2	0	0	7	0	4
J.U.S.T.	2	2	0	0	6	3	4
Juventus	2	1	1	0	3	0	3
Hellas	2	1	1	0	7	3	3
Polonia	2	1	0	1	2	1	2
Melbourne	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Lions	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
Croatia	2	1	0	1	4	5	2
Slavia	2	1	0	1	2	4	2
Alexander	2	0	0	2	3	9	0
Makedonia	2	0	0	2	2	7	0
George Cross	2	0	0	2	0	4	0

Goal feast at Middle Park

GEORGE YELLAND sums-up Round 2

South Melbourne Hellas and Alexander provided a crowd of nearly 8,000 with a feast of goals at Middle Park on Sunday.

A score of 7-3 suggests a one-sided thrashing, but this was not the case, for, apart from the period following two goals in as many minutes, midway through the first half, when Alexander appeared to lose heart, they never gave up.

In the later stages of the game, Alexander matched Hellas, as they had done in the first 20 minutes.

A nearly goal by Kambouropoulos was nullified when an astutely taken free kick, out on the left, by new player Bikas, was fisted into his own net by Wenzl.

A picture goal headed in by Kokinos from a glorious cross by Leo Damaniakos, followed a minute later by another Kambouropoulos header, gave the home side a 3-1 lead and Alexander began to wilt.

Two great individual goals by Hellas wingers Damaniakos and Pyrgolious gave the State League champions an unbeatable four goal lead at half-time.

What a great fight Alexander put up in the second half, and what encouragement it must give their supporters to see them take the game right back to Hellas, even when in a hopeless position. Kriaris, always a danger, scored one of the finest goals anyone could wish to see.

Hellas could not be faulted as a team, but became a little complacent. Jimmy Pyrgolious and Leo Damaniakos proved once more that they are probably the best wingers in Victoria, simply because they stay on their wings and use the touchline and corner areas, thus stretching defences out across the field.

Polonia and Slavia provided a small, enthusiastic crowd at Brooklyn Speedway, with a feast of good football.

Slavia deserved their win, which came as a result of a typical Ian Reid goal, scored in the 62nd minute, as he ran on to a fine centre from Jurecki on the right and crashed it home.

This ground has a beautiful surface, but is much too narrow, causing overcrowding in the penalty areas and keeps open play to a minimum.

Willem Schroif showed that he didn't receive the title of "Black Cat" for nothing. He was outstanding, and all the whiles of Janczyk and the new men, Swoboda and Przbylski, were insufficient to get the ball past him.

Outstanding players were Schroif, Jurecki, Cook and Reid for Slavia and Janczyk, Przbylski and Swoboda for Polonia, who must soon figure in the winning list.

From a footballing point of view, the game between Croatia and Hakoah was the best of the day.

It was a real crowd pleaser. Good attacking moves, plenty of shots for goal and four fine goals, kept the crowd of over 2000 on its toes.

Two minutes before the interval, Armstrong, that effervescent inside forward, gave Hakoah the lead, bringing his total to four for the season.

The second half was highlighted by a brilliant hat-trick by Ian Monan. The first two were perfectly placed headers from high centres, one from Fry on the right and the other from Purdie on the left.

Croatia, although second best, never gave up trying and outstanding in their efforts were McMeechan in the forward line, who, lacking support, ran himself into the ground and Jim Mackay at wing half. Despite being beaten four times, John Young played a cool and competent game.

In a Hakoah side which looked a complete footballing unit, Monan Van Alphen and Keith impressed with their skill. Hakoah have established themselves as early favourites for the championship.

At OlympicPark on Saturday, Melbourne and George Cross gave a display of energetic but unplanned and lack lustre Soccer which must have been a great disappointment to their fans.

A simple, scrambled goal by young Peter Kurta, in the sixth minute of the second half, was sufficient to give Melbourne the points and it was significant that most of the good football came from the youngsters on the ground, Peter Kurta, who has a shot like a mule, Colin Myers for his speed and ball control, Ian Shanks at wing half, for his constructive efforts in defence and attack and Dresp, who showed great promise at centre forward.

The man of the match, however, was Henri Surma. He has matured into one of the finest goalkeepers in Australia, if not the finest and the consummate ease with which he saved shots, high and low, during the first 20 minutes, was a delight to see.

Grosz and Ireland were the only players to stand out, in a George Cross team which is slow, cumbersome and lacking in cohesion and planned moves.

Juventus and Lions provided a thrilling first half at Olympic Park on Sunday and followed it with a drab second half.

Lions are a big side and bustled Juventus, but the Italian team carried too much skill and finished clear winners by three goals.

George Scott stood out in defence for the winners and Torcque showed great form at centre forward. He was always in the right spot at the right time and scored two good goals.

Preston Makedonia lost their first State League game played at Preston, to a technically superior Footscray J.U.S.T.

Their new signings from Jugoslavia were not cleared in time and Craig from Box Hill, played at inside right, giving a good account of himself and scoring the second goal.

J.U.S.T. played Handricks at centre half and Billy Rice at full-back.

Handricks and Micic for the Footscray boys and Datsevski for Makedonia were outstanding.

Both Fode and Morks gave good performances in goal, though the Preston goalkeeper was at fault with one of the goals.

Juniors' S.O.S.

Glenroy United urgently require junior players. Contact Reg Tolputt, 359 1279. Training Monday and Friday evenings.

WRONG MA OUTED FO 3 WEEKS

Two George Cross I serve players were susp ded instead of one I Wednesday.

Peter Cardona, Reserv inside forward, was out for three games by the D ciplinary Committee, alleged bad language on t ground.

It was a case of mistak identity.

The player who shou have been charged w Paul Gauchi, also an i side forward.

The incident happen on Easter Monday and t club secretary was i formed of the charge Wednesday evening — t late to inform the play on the charge sheet, Ca dona.

That's why he didn't a tend the Disciplinary Com mittee's hearing — but h was still suspended.

When the Committee we informed about the erro they also suspended Gauch until a new hearing.

NO TAKERS FOR NIGEL

By JIM COOK

One of the biggest my teries has been the lack interest and the lack of fair bid for Slavia's Au tralian international fu back, Nigel Shepherd, wh recently went to live i Sydney.

So far I believe only on concrete offer has bee made for Shepherd an that was late last week The figure mentioned wa ludicrous and one whic many of our clubs here pa for "cast-offs".

Sydney clubs seem t forget the experience an skill of Shepherd — he' been an automatic choic for both Victoria and Aus tralia at right back.

Kicking his heels aroun Sydney, Nigel is obviousl keen to get a club a quickly as possible and i view of his chances o selection for both N.S.W against Manchester Unite and for Australia agains Scotland.

Slavia, despite man rumours, won't price th player who gave them valu able service out of th game.

TWO WEEKS — 2 HAT-TRICKS

In the first two rounds Hakoah forwards Jim Arm strong and Ian Monan have both scored hat-tricks.

In the match agains Preston, Armstrong netted three goals; last Saturday it was Monan's turn agains Croatia.

POLICE GRAB SPECTATOR

Police grabbed a spectator at Maribyrnong after the Croatia-Hakoah game on Saturday.

The spectator is alleged to have struck referee Armstrong after the game. A civil action is expected.

● UWE KUESSNER, Soccer News photographer, captures all the action of last week

Hellas right winger Jimmy Pyrgolios (left) and Alexander full back George Glennie chase the ball at Middle Park on Sunday.

Brilliant Hellas winger Leo Damianakos (left) takes the ball from Alexander' Basil Kourkalakous.

State League action

A fine action shot of Tom Carmichael, Lions' keeper, in full flight as he saves a shot at goal.

Tommy MacPhearson, George Cross (left), duels with Mel newcomer Hans Dresp at Olympic Park, on Saturda

The Scots are coming!

AUSTRALIA v. SCOTLAND. . . . Our first full international Soccer match at Olympic Park, Saturday, June 3, at 3 o'clock.

THE JIM COOK PAGE

With nearly 22,000 fans turning up for the six first round games of the 1967 league season, Victoria has again emphasised they have the best drawing Soccer league in Australia.

For despite that Sydney first division drew an all-time record overall crowd for their opening six games, their tally of 18,750 leaves them well behind, in second placing.

The figures are not surprising since in 1966 Melbourne not only drew the biggest crowd of the A.S. Roma tour, but also had the best attendance record in the Australia Cup of that year.

SOUTH MELBOURNE-HELLAS — Top row (left to right): Heinz Wenzel goalie, Andrew Roussis centre half, Johnny Margarites right half, T. Litopolous right back, D. Kelly left back, Johnny Bedford left half. Bottom row: Jim Pyrgolios right wing, Ernie Ackerley inside left, Elysses Kokinos centre forward, John Anderson inside right, Leo Daminakis outside left.

● JIM MALLOY RETURNING

On a single passage — his wife and family meantime remain in Scotland—former Juventus centre forward, Jim Malloy, is on his way back to Australia.

In fact he's well on his way back.

For he's aboard the S.S. Himalaya which is due to berth in Melbourne, on April 21.

Malloy came to Australia in 1963 to join Melbourne HSC where he soon made his mark as an opportunist and goal-getting centre forward.

He eventually transferred to Juventus for a reported fee of $2000 before returning to Scotland with his wife and family, in 1965.

Son of a former Hibernian centre, he served some time in the American Forces as a GI. On demob, he turned professional with Scottish second division club, Brechin City, but was reinstated back to the juniors before coming to Australia, in 1963.

Since returning to Scotland, he has played regularly for Matrix F.C. the works team of the Coventry Gauge and Tool Co. who play in the Angus Junior League.

● BOBBY WON'T RETURN

Bobby Howat, an English centre forward who had a spell with a West Australian side last season, has given up the idea of returning to Australia.

He returned to England last October and after a short sea trip as an engineer he found on his return that a previous application for admission to Liverpool University had been accepted.

Howat had been in touch with a couple of Melbourne clubs and was all set to come here in April when he changed his mind at the last minute.

● HEADERS WANTED

One of Victoria's greatest needs at the moment is for a few centre forwards who can get up and use their heads.

For to be frank this appears to be a lost art with the majority of our players who fill the number nine role.

Someone for instance like Marshall Gibb who used to play for George Cross and who could not only time a jump to perfection but also made most of his goals look spectacular.

Congratulations to Ian Monan, of Hakoah. To score three second half goals with the head beat me to the punch.

I reckon it's a long time since any other forward scored three goals in one match with his head.

Let's have more please.

MELBOURNE HAS BIGGEST GATES

● THIS IS A DISGRACE

It was anything but amusing recently to get the official team sheet of a State League club, phone same through to the Press, and return in time to see the start of the game to find they had made two team changes

More than one club is guilty of this action which I have repeatedly criticised in the past few years.

And we have at least one club who invariably cannot name their line-up until five minutes before the kick-off.

They never seem to learn.

● DIRECTOR MR. COWDREY

Colin Cowdrey the former England Test cricket skipper is now a director of Charlton Athletic Soccer Club.

And according to manager Bob Stokoe, Colin is treating Soccer real serious.

● GREGG GOES FOR FREE

Harry Gregg, the Manchester United Irish internationalist goalkeeper and a survivor of the Munich air disaster, was recently transferred to Stoke City for free in view of his long service to the United.

Gregg cost United £23,500 when he joined them in 1957 from Doncaster Rovers.

● A FLOP OR AN ILL-FIT?

After only a few weeks in Sydney after he had transferred from Slavia to Hakoah for a reported fee of $2800, the future of Peter Laraman looks most insecure — at least with Hakoah.

For he has been dropped from the first team and replaced with Ray Baartz a big buy from Adamstown and who had a spell with Manchester United as a junior.

Perhaps Laraman, who was leading State League scorer with Slavia in 1965 and runner-up in 1966, just can't fit into the Hakoah team which would be unusual in view of his experience in England.

A report he was likely to be sold to Pan Hellenic failed to come off when it was stated the player wanted a $1000 signing fee.

● THEY'RE NOT INTERESTED

Two Juventus young starlets, Claude Fogale who has played a considerable number of first team games at centre half and wing half and inside forward Rosetto who has also made the first team recently, have turned down an offer to join Triestina.

I believe that everything was arranged between the two Italian clubs.

But the players elected to remain with Juventus.

● ROBERTSON MISSING

Missing from the Alexander line-up is Tommy Robertson, the former Glasgow Rangers, Dundee and Hakoah inside forward, who was transferred from the Middle Park side last year for a considerable fee.

Something is pending between the player and the club at the moment which will have far reaching effects on his future.

I'm tipping that in the not-too-distant future Tommy and the club will part company.

If will be a pity for Alexander as Robertson is undoubtedly a player of considerable class.

● PLAYER WRANGLE

A big wrangle is going on in Scotland over the case of centre forward, Joe Caven, ex-Stirling Albion, whom George Cross nearly signed three years ago.

Caven recently arrived back from South Africa with a letter which appeared to free him from his Springbok club, Germiston Callies.

He played three games for Stirling in the first division but when word came that Germiston had not in fact released him, the Scottish club cancelled his registration and gave him a free transfer.

What happens to the three points the Albion won with Caven is now being discussed.

For several of the clubs in the lower half of the first division have protested on this score.

● NEW POINTS SCHEME

The North American Professional League due to start in a big way in two weeks time has introduced a novel and new points scoring system.

Winning teams will be awarded six points with three points for a draw, and none for a loss.

In addition teams will be awarded a point per goal up to a maximum of three points.

Several years ago this system was mooted in England but failed to get the necessary support to carry it through as a motion.

● MATT BUSBY'S BALL BOYS

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And before getting back in their school suits, they freshen up under their own shower.

● WHAT'S UP WITH TOM

Tom Stankovic has been suspended by Footscray-JUST and is standing on the sidelines.

Tom, the club's left winger, has represented Victoria on many occasions and would almost be considered a "cert" to play for Victoria against Manchester United if he were active with his team.

I don't know all the "in's and out's" on the disagreement between player and club.

But one thing is certain, neither JUST or Victoria have a better winger at present.

SANCHEZ FOR GEO. CROSS?

Spoke to former Slavi wing half, Johnny Sa chez, last weekend who transfer listed by Pan He lenic.

Johnny is now resider in Melbourne and althoug at present he's under su pension, it seems his tran fer to a Melbourne club only a matter of hour away.

His name has been mer tioned in connection wit George Cross for som time and he had talks wit officials of that club at th weekend. — **Jim Cook.**

25 GOALS !

No less than 25 goals wer scored in State League So cer last week-end. Bigges tally was at Middle Par where Hellas beat Alexar der 7-3.

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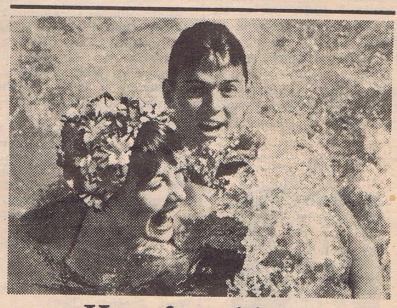

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IN TOUCH

with FRED VILLIERS

ALEXANDER'S ground has been condemned as not being up to league standard. Fine time to find out it's unplayable two weeks after the start of the competition. Surely this is no way to run the premier league in this State.

THIS IDEA IS AN INSULT TO OUR WORLD CUP CHAMPIONS

● It seems that ever since England won the World Cup the Soccer nations of the world are taking it in turn to knock the new football champions.

● Understandably, the temperamental Latins have never stopped moaning because Europe, which, after all, is 75 per cent. of world football, pretty well dominated the championships.

● The Russians took a long time to discover that England got too much help from everyone, mostly as regards playing throughout at Wembley.

● The Afro-Asian block are griping constantly about something and Sir Stanley Rous, F I F A's President and England are as solid targets as any against whom to unleash their complexes.

● But the latest proposal that, in future, the reigning champions should be made to qualify is a calculated insult to Sir Alf Ramsey and twenty-two excellent champion players.

● Despite the inclusion of such thoroughbred English football names as Walter Winterbottom, Ron Greenwood and Harold Hassall on the technical World Cup coaching committee, I hop suggestions to F I F A abou qualifying rights of the cha nation are put in cold st until the West Germany Cup of 1974.

● England have every rig expect to qualify autom ally for the Mexico City Cup of 1970, just as Brazil, Germany and Uruguay qu as post-war champions in 1962, 1958 and 1954.

● Technical recommendatio F I F A from the coaches seeding, the number of tea be allowed in the finals, m of the draw and substi could still operate in 1970.

● But England won the Cup when the rules granted the champion automatic qualification There can be no other d for 1970 at least

KEY MATCHES THIS WEEK

This week's third round of matches could go a long way to solving the promotion in the First Division.

You may think this is too early in the season to start forecasting promotion.

But already St. Albans (2 wins), Austria (2 wins), Maribyrnong Triestina, Ringwood City and Brunswick Athena have shown good form.

St. Albans play Ringwood City, Maribyrnong play Austria and Brunswick take on Sunshine City.

One can't discount Springvale who were unlucky to only draw with Brunswick last Saturday.

The Saints with that home ground advantage will give Ringwood City a run for their money and I'm tipping a draw.

Elwood-Austria's forward line has already banged in six goals in two games but Maribyrnong's defence is a tough one and I'll go for a win to Maribyrnong by the odd goal.

With better team play, Brunswick should account for Sunshine City. Coach Eddie McGeough has the job in front of him to round the Brunswick boys into a team.

It was apparent last week that they played as individuals and it could prove their downfall.

Sandringham, still searching for a win, won't get much change out of Springvale who like their spacious pitch. A win for Vale.

In last Saturday's round, St. Albans easily accounted for Box Hill 2-0, at Wembley Park.

It was a scoreless first half before Peter Bluhm and Hans Hermann got the break for Saints.

They also missed plenty of chances and came up against a stumbling block in Box Hill's keeper, Eddie Wilson, who played a blinder.

Best players for Saints, Spiro Fragopoulos, Peter Bluhm and Frank Marth.

With the aid of a hat-trick from Bobby Walker, the ex-Oakleigh player, Elwood beat Coburg 4-0, at Coburg.

Bobby Walker has really livened up to the Elwood attack which was last season's weakness. He also had a goal disallowed. The other goal came from Ron Steele.

A solitary goal from Les Williams was enough to give Moreland victory over Sandringham.

ALL AT SEA

With Sandy all at sea, Moreland hit the bar twice and deseperate defence from Sandy saved another two on the line.

Dave Toshack and Les Williams were the pick of Moreland's forward line with Alistair Walker and Alec Glennie shining in defence.

The 1-1 draw between Springvale and Brunswick was a battle of the keepers, with Peter Mur (Vale) and Fred Laslett (Brunswick) outstanding.

After 15 minutes David Pegola, with a great run centred for John Beasley to put Vale ahead.

Athena came back to equalise through Mike Glikokalamos who, due to a defence lapse, was able to walk the ball into the net.

Vale piled on the pressure and Paul Rubens missed narrowly with a header from a Han Jansen cross, but Fred Laslett proved their downfall.

Ringwood City's win of 2-1 over Sunshine City was no push over with Ringwood having to work hard all the way.

Sunshine took the lead after about half an hour but Ringwood equalised through Hans Petersen, just before half-time.

Hans missed a penalty after the interval when he shot straight at the keeper. The winner came when Roger Baxter scored. This was his first game since signing from Libertas.

2nd DIVISION

With 10 minutes remaining Frankston were sitting "cock-o-hoop" with a 5-0 lead over Richmond having thrashed them in every department with the exception of Richmond's centre-half.

Then Richmond hit back with three goals in seven minutes but the damage was done with Frankston winning 5-3.

Chief wrecker was Trevor Parry who scored a hat-trick from the left-wing in a fine performance.

Other goals came from Hank Brouwer and Martin Leenstra.

Frankston's best players were: Trevor Parry, Gerry Pask and Kurt Schroeder.

A very even game saw Green Gully Ajax narrowly defeat Bayswater 2-1.

Green Gully led at half-time through C. Vella and this was increased when David Anderson scored.

Bayswater reduced the arrears with their outside-right scoring and they got on top, but the Green Gully defence held firm.

3rd DIVISION

Waverley had to fight back to defeat Keilor City 5-3 at Keilor.

Keilor went into a 2-0 lead but Waverley pegged that back and led 3-2 before Keilor levelled the score by half-time.

Waverley went away in the second half to win comfortably.

Their hero was John Thomas with a hat-trick. Other scorers were Bill Blackley (penalty) and Ian Chalmers with a header from a right-wing cross by Bill Blackley.

4th DIVISION

Doncaster Rovers, the City's newly formed Soccer Club, commenced on March 25 playing Moorabbark on the Bayswater ground. Results were unimportant to coach Dave Martin as the important problem of the day was being able to field two teams.

Results were a defeat 6-2 for the first team and a defeat for the Reserves 8-4. Goals for Doncaster 1sts were scored by W. Baning and Ray Shew. Scorers for Reserves were: McKay (2), Pugh (1), and Skinner (1).

Results of these games enabled Coach Martin to select his strongest team at Rosebud on Saturday.

Rover's Reserves were without goalkeeper John Dunkling who received broken ribs against Moorabark, and Heinz Hawke who badly damaged his right ankle when falling heavily. These injuries forced changes and the Reserves were defeated by a much younger Rosebud side 5-1.

In the main game, Rovers gave Rosebud a lesson. The double spearheaded attack of Frank Kovac and Ray Shew, proved fatal.

Kovac scored four goals, and Shew one from the team's 8-1 victory.

Michael Grogan the Reserves goalkeeper who also played on the right wing for the first team received two broken fingers on his left hand when falling heavily.

Rovers meet Yallourn at Donvale Reserve, cnr. Springvale Rd. and Mitcham Rd. at 1 p.m. this Saturday.

CLUB NEWS

Moreland are still having trouble with Campbell Reserve, as the Grounds and Fixtures Committee have ruled it unfit for State League and Metro Soccer.

Alexander are reputed to have spent $3000 on the ground during the close season, yet the ground is still not considered up to standard.

What's going to happen for this week's game there, is anybody's guess.

Slavia have asked me to mention that if any Metro player considers himself to be State League potential, he should contact either Len Young or Bill Curran at 47 4071.

They will have the player watched and if he's suitable material, his club will be either offered cash or a player exchange deal.

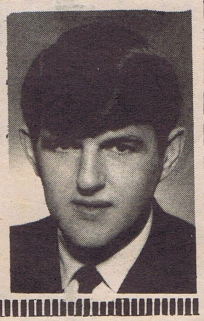
Peter Craig, last year's captain-coach of Box Hill, was signed by Makedonia last week for a moderate fee.

Look for the Ballarat League table next week.

● I apologise to those who rang Soccer News last Sunday, but due to new arrangements (and a new lock on the door) I was unable to get to the 'phone. This has now been remedied and I'd be there to take reports this Sunday between 11.00 and 12.00 noon. The number to ring is 94 4708.

METROPOLITAN ROUND-UP

by Martyn Harris



WEEK-END RESULTS

STATE LEAGUE

Polonia 0, Slavia 1 (1-3); Croatia 0, Hakoah 4 (6-2); Melbourne 1, George Cross 0 (2-6); Lions 0, Juventus 3 (0-1); S. Melb. Hellas 7, Alexander 3 (2-1); Preston 2, F'cray JUST 4 (4-6).

FIRST DIVISION

R'Wood City 2, Sunshine City 1 (4-2); Box Hill 0, St. Albans 2 (3-2); Maribyrnong 3, Dandenong City 0 (1-0); Coburg United 0 Elwood Austria 4 (1-4); Sandringham 0, Moreland Thistle 1 (0-2), Springvale 1, Brunswick Athena 1 (5-0).

SECOND DIVISION

Park Rangers 1, University 1 (3-0); Albion Rovers 3, Prahran 1 (3-4); Ferntree Gully 3, Brighton 2 (6-1); Bayswater 1, Green Gully 2 (1-3); Richmond 3, Frankston 5 (1-4); Ringwood United 2, Altona 2 (3-3).

THIRD DIVISION

Keilor City 3, Waverley 5 (1-6); Croydon 1, Moorabbin 4 (7-1); Heidelberg 3, Glenroy United 1 (0-2); Flinders Naval Depot 0, Chelsea 4 (1-2); St. Kilda 0 Princes Park 4 (2-4); South Yarra 0, Essendon 6 (3-4).

FOURTH DIVISION

Mooroolbark 1, Yallourn 6 (0-6); Deer Park I.C.I. 0, Newport 6 (1-2); Monash University 5, Lilydale 0 (w.o.); East Melb. Helvetic 3, Clayton 0 (8-4); North Carlton Olympic 5, Mornington 0 (6-0); Rosebud 1, Doncaster Rovers 8 (5-1).

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Univ. Grads 3, Westall VW 3; Clarinda 2, Langwarrin A 2; CYMS Glenroy 5, Croydon 1; Fishermans Bend 1, Chadstone 3; Carlton 0, Fitzroy 2; Yarraville 1, Parkville 5; W. Sunshine 8, Sydenham 1; RAAF 7, Victoria Star 0; West Preston (bye).

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OLD BOYS THRASHED!

Brighton club "Old-Timers" had a go at the present Brighton team but the youngsters proved too good at Dendy Reserve, last Sunday, winning 5-0.

The Veterans, captained by Arthur Scott, often gave the youngsters a lesson in mid-field play, but could not shoot straight enough to beat John Slade, in Brighton's goal.

Many former Australian and Victorian players were in the Veterans' line-up, and despite their loss, they would like to challenge other teams.

These are the "all-star" players in the Brighton Old-Boys' team: Arthur Scott (Brighton), Alan Thompson (Moorabbin), Andre Wietzer (B'ton), Alan Sullivan (Box Hill), Eric Heath (Moreland), Angus Drennan (Uni.), Rudi Balabanski (B'ton), Bobby Devlin (B'ton), Joe Lachmann (Slavia, B'ton), Jack Wilson (B'ton), Ross MacKenzie (B'ton), and Sid Thomas (Hakoah, B'ton).

Brighton president Fred Mace, helped by committee member Bert Hodgkinson, who has been on the Brighton Committee for 35 years, organised the day.

Teams wanting a game should contact Arthur Scott, c/o Brighton S.C.

Paul Borg new G.C. Secretary

Paul Borg, a 31-year-old Bank officer, has succeeded Stan Stacey as secretary of George Cross.

Paul, a brother of John Borg, a well-known Junior official, has had experience with Coburg club.

Paul's address is: 4 Tassell St., Glenroy. Phone 51 2842 and 51 4481 (business) or 306 6551 (evenings).

THE flamboyant religious rivalries of Protestant Rangers and Catholic Celtic in Glasgow touched a new humorous peak after Rangers had beaten Spain's Real Zaragoza on the toss of a coin to enter the semi-finals of the European Cup Winners' Cup

Current yarn going the rounds in Scotland's Soccer-mad citadel is that Rangers called "tails" because the head of his Holiness the Pope was on the other side of the coin!

EXIT Jim Adam, enter Mike de Bruyckere week Mike takes over as State coach fol Jim's "walk out". We all wish Mike success need it.

IF our State team is prepared properly v expect an extra five or ten thousand f the Manchester United games at Olympic It's all very well to boast about Victori result with Everton in 1964. We didn't t story in those days but the Everton boys up all the previous night chasing the nurse certain Sydney hospital. Matt Busby's boys be doing this. They'll play hell with th team we can muster. That's why we've be on the ball with our preparation for these

JOHN GORTON, V.S.F. vice-president, is a how the game has changed overseas in th five years. He was in London last Christm had a look at first division Soccer. "They talk about half backs or forwards any mor said. "They talk in terms of sweepers u strikers. The whole concept of the has changed." Makes me wonder if we're "with it" in Australia. How many coache know what a sweeper is. He's not the blok goes around the ground with a broom. W Nobby Stiles arrives with Manchester United teach us how to sweep up a Soccer ground how!

THANK you Croatia! You are the first club to put numbers on your shorts. This not only helps the fans to identify your players, but it helps our photographer too! Should be more of it.

● This is the number on Hammy McMeechan's shorts

AFTER having been a national figure in C slovakian Soccer for 13 years, I'm told Schroif found his country drove a hard b when he signed a two-year contract with Schroif the "Black Cat" goalie, who has and two daughters in Prague, is expected to 50 per cent of his Soccer earnings to the government while he remains here.

SUNSHINE CITY has a problem. Dave Mac tells me all their young promising junio being stolen by State League clubs. The ol story.

VITO CILAURO, the Juventus clubman, had to say about the rules of the V.S.F. wh was given the job of running the rules com But what went wrong? He resigned last week. man too. Hear he's studying law at the univ

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LAST WEEK-END IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND...

Half-time scores in brackets.

DIVISION I

BURNLEY .... (0)....2 Latcham, Harris
EVERTON ..... (3)....3 Deakin (o.g), Ball, Young
FULHAM ..... (1)....3 Clarke, Pearson, Earle
LEEDS ..... (0)....1 Lorimer
MAN. UTD. ... (1)....3 Charlton, Best, Law
NEWCASTLE .. (0)....1 Hilley
NOTTM. F. ... (1)....3 Kear, Brindley, Moore (pen.)
SHEFF. UTD. (1)....1 Jones
STOKE ..... (1)....2 Bloomfield, Dobing
SPURS ..... (1)....2 Greaves 2
W B A ..... (1)....3 Clark, Williams, Brown
SHEFF. W. ... (0)....0 14,400
ASTON V. .... (0)....1 MacLeod 36,619
SUNDERLAND (1)....1 Suggett 22,724
CHELSEA .... (0)....0 39,728
WEST HAM ... (0)....0 61,380
LEICESTER ... (0)....0 Hilley 35,181
SOUTH'PTON . (0)....1 Davies 37,731
MAN. CITY ... (0)....0 16,976
ARSENAL .... (1)....2 Graham 2 14,606
LIVERPOOL ... (0)....1 Thompson 53,135
BLACKPOOL .. (1)....1 Lea 18,304

HOME					AWAY					
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36	9	6	3	31	19	5	5	8	19	18	38
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36	7	3	7	20	26	Newcastle	3	3	11	11	41	28
36	7	3	7	30	26	W B A	2	6	9	31	43	27
36	4	4	7	27	27	A. Villa	4	1	12	20	39	27
36	4	5	12	17	31	Blackpool	4	3	11	18	35	18

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP.—Final (First leg)—Barnet 1, Guildford 2.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE. — Premier Div. — Bath 0; Hillingdon 1; Burton 4, Camb. Utd. 4; Camb. C. 1, Bedford 1; Corby 2, Hereford 2; Poole 3, King's Lynn 1; Romford 2, Weymouth 1; Wellington 1, Nuneaton 0; Wimbledon 1, Chelmsford 1; Worcester 4, Folkestone 0; Yeovil 1, Cheltenham 1.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.—Div. I—Barry 0, Kettering 1; Bexley Utd. 0, Hastings 0; Crawley 0, Stevenage 1; Dartford 3, Trowbridge 1; Dover 2, Ramsgate 2; Gloucester 1, Dunstable 0; Hinckley 1, Banbury 0; Margate 1, Canterbury 0; Merthyr T. 3, Gravesend 2; Rugby 1, Sittingbourne 0; Tonbridge 3, Ashford 2; Wisbech 6, Tunbridge W. 2.

DIVISION II

BIRMINGHAM . (2)....2 Vowden, Murray 18,197
BURY ..... (0)....1 Kerr
COVENTRY ... (1)....2 Gould, Machin
HULL ..... (1)....1 Chilton 19,429
MILLWALL ... (0)....1 Julians
NORTH'PTON . (0)....1 Hall
NORWICH .... (1)....1 Anderson
PLYMOUTH ... (1)....1 Davey 12,223
PORTSMOUTH (0)....1 Pointer
PRESTON ..... (1)....1 Forrest 14,161
ROTHERHAM .. (1)....4 Casper, Coldrick (o.g), Massey, Clish
BOLTON ..... (1)....2 Lee, Isherwood (o.g)
C. PALACE ... (1)....1 Kember 7,106
DERBY C. .... (1)....2 Hector, Thomas 32,041
CARLISLE .... (1)....2 Garbutt, Welsh
WOLVES ..... (0)....1 Dougan 23,908
IPSWICH ..... (1)....1 McNeil 13,129
CHARLTON .... (0)....1 Kinsey 15,556
BRISTOL C. .. (2)....2 Quigley, Derrick
BLACKBURN . (0)....1 Hole 13,788
HUDDERSF'LD (1)....2 Clark, Harper
CARDIFF ..... (0)....1 Jones 8,119

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34	9	6	2	30	16	Bolton	4	5	8	25	30	37
37	11	4	4	44	21	Hull	4	2	12	26	38	36
37	14	2	3	41	19	Preston	2	2	14	20	39	36
37	7	4	8	32	34	Portsm'th	5	6	7	23	32	34
36	9	7	2	33	17	Bristol C.	2	4	12	14	35	33
37	8	3	7	38	30	Derby	3	6	10	25	37	31
36	9	5	4	34	23	Rotherham	2	4	12	19	38	31
37	10	4	5	36	20	Plymouth	3	4	11	15	35	29
37	9	4	5	29	13	Charlton	1	5	13	12	34	29
35	7	7	4	23	16	Norwich	1	6	10	13	29	29
36	7	6	5	35	27	Cardiff	3	2	13	15	51	28
36	7	5	7	23	29	North'pton	0	3	15	19	43	27
36	8	3	8	28	28	Bury	2	2	13	12	39	25

LONDON SENIOR CUP.—Semi-finals—Hendon 1, Walthamstow Av. 2; Kingstonian 0, Enfield 2.

DIVISION III

BOURNEM'TH . (1)....2 Norton, Oliver
BRISTOL R. .. (1)....1 Biggs
COLCHESTER . (4)....5 Bullock 2, Westlake, Martin 2
GILLINGHAM . (1)....4 Riddick, Brown, Gibbs, Crickmore
L. ORIENT ... (0)....0
MIDDLESBRO . (0)....1 Edwards (o.g)
OLDHAM ..... (2)....4 Towers 3, Bebbington
OXFORD UTD. (1)....2 G. Atkinson, Jones
SHREWSBURY . (0)....0 4,095
SWANSEA .... (1)....6 Williams 2, Robertson (o.g), Roberts 2, Humphries
WORKINGTON . (0)....0 4,010
READING ..... (0)....2 Harris, Smee 4,914
PETERBORO .. (0)....1 Watson 9,202
WALSALL ..... (0)....1 Baker 4,809
WATFORD .... (1)....1 Walley 6,016
SWINDON .... (0)....0
MANSFIELD .. (0)....0 7,298
BRIGHTON .... (1)....1 Dear 5,994
TORQUAY .... (2)....2 Stubbs 2 6,407
GRIMSBY .... (0)....1 Rathbone 4,095
DONCASTER .. (0)....0 6,292
Q P R ..... (0)....2 I. Morgan, Langley (pen.)

HOME					AWAY					
P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
37	15	3	1	56	12	Q P R	7	10	1	33	16	57
40	12	2	2	43	25	Bristol R.	6	5	8	23	31	48
38	12	3	4	45	30	Mansfield	7	5	7	28	29	48
39	15	3	1	46	13	Torquay	3	6	11	15	29	45
37	12	3	3	38	15	Middlsbro	6	5	8	32	38	44
37	12	3	3	29	12	Watford	4	7	8	19	27	42
38	14	2	3	46	13	Oldham	3	5	11	22	38	41
38	14	2	3	44	22	Shrewsb'y	3	4	11	20	32	41
38	9	8	2	27	12	Gillingham	3	7	9	18	33	39
39	11	4	4	34	21	Scunthrpe	4	4	12	17	37	38
38	9	7	3	36	21	Reading	5	2	12	23	46	32
38	12	2	5	44	23	Colchester	3	5	11	21	38	37
38	11	5	3	31	12	Walsall	4	1	12	21	46	36
37	7	7	5	33	25	Oxford U.	5	4	9	17	24	35
37	9	4	6	33	26	Peterboro	2	8	8	20	28	34
37	9	6	4	33	24	Brighton	3	4	11	19	33	34
38	10	4	5	35	15	Grimsby	4	2	13	13	39	34
38	8	3	8	23	20	L. Orient	3	2	13	19	35	33
38	6	9	4	19	21	Bournemth	3	6	10	13	29	33
39	7	6	6	16	21	Darlington	4	2	13	16	46	32
35	9	4	4	39	16	Swindon	2	5	11	16	31	31
38	7	8	4	41	25	Swansea	1	5	13	28	54	29
37	10	4	4	33	33	Doncaster	1	5	12	16	63	28
37	8	3	8	28	26	Workingtn	2	3	13	15	46	28

DIVISION IV

ALDERSHOT .. (0)....1 Kearns
BARNSLEY .... (1)....2 Hamstead, Hewitt
BRAD. CITY . (2)....3 York, McAnearney, Rackstraw (pen.)
BRENTFORD .. (1)....1 Hooker
EXETER ..... (0)....0 4,059
HALIFAX ..... (1)....2 Parks 2
HARTLEPOOLS (0)....2 Somers, Broadbent
LUTON ..... (0)....1 Rivers
WREXHAM .... (1)....1 McMillan
CREWE ..... (0)....0 4,093
BRADFORD .... (0)....0 7,739
CHESTERFIELD (0)....1 Tait 4,197
NOTTS C. .... (0)....0 7,760
STOCKPORT . (1)....3 Price, Lister, Atkins
SOUTHPORT .. (0)....0 3,414
ROCHDALE .... (1)....1 Jenkins 5,952
PORT VALE ... (1)....1 Wilson 5,413
BARROW ..... (1)....1 Mallon 7,000

HOME					AWAY					
P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
37	12	5	1	31	13	Stockport	9	5	5	23	17	52
39	9	7	3	29	15	Barrow	11	3	6	37	30	50
38	16	2	1	40	12	Southport	3	8	8	18	24	48
37	11	5	2	29	14	Tranmere	7	6	6	20	18	47
38	13	4	2	36	10	Southend	7	3	9	24	32	47
39	13	3	4	39	25	Hartlep'ls	7	3	9	20	26	46
36	10	4	3	30	20	Crewe	6	5	7	23	23	43
37	11	6	2	30	15	Brentford	4	6	8	20	31	42
38	9	9	0	30	15	Wrexham	3	8	7	24	31	41
39	11	4	5	40	27	Brad. C.	5	5	9	21	27	41
39	12	3	3	42	19	Aldershot	3	7	9	23	34	40
37	10	5	3	27	12	Chesterf'd	4	2	13	23	34	35
36	7	5	6	27	14	P. Vale	5	6	7	17	21	35
38	7	6	7	27	25	Barnsley	4	7	8	24	29	35
38	8	5	6	26	24	Exeter	3	8	8	17	29	35
36	7	9	2	28	22	Halifax	4	2	12	17	31	33
36	7	7	3	26	16	Newport	2	7	10	16	32	33
37	8	5	5	29	21	Notts Co.	3	4	11	20	36	31
38	11	5	3	32	20	Luton	3	4	12	16	41	31
38	5	5	9	19	29	Chester	5	5	9	24	40	30
38	5	8	5	22	21	Rochdale	2	6	11	19	40	28
38	5	4	10	23	30	Bradford	4	4	11	19	40	26
37	8	5	6	36	26	York	0	4	14	15	37	25
36	7	6	6	34	30	Lincoln	1	3	13	10	30	25

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE. — Bromley 1, Barking 2; Clapton 0, Albans 0; Dulwich Ham. 0, Wycombe W. 3; Leytonstone 2, Hitchin 2; Oxford C. 1, Tooting and M. 1; Sutton Utd. 1, Ilford 0; Wealdstone 1, Maidstone 1.

SCOTTISH CUP — SEMI-FINALS

CELTIC ..... (0)....0
DUNDEE U. .. (0)....0 41,500
CLYDE ..... (0)....0 56,704
ABERDEEN ... (1)....1 Millar (o g)

SCOTTISH LEAGUE — DIV I

HEARTS ..... (0)....0
MOTHERWELL . (1)....1 Murray
RANGERS ..... (0)....0
ST. J'STONE . (0)....1 Whitelaw
ST. MIRREN .. (0)....0
PARTICK ..... (0)....0
FALKIRK ..... (2)....2 Vincent, Graham
DUNFERMLINE (0)....1 Robertson
AIRDRIE ..... (0)....0
DUNDEE ..... (1)....5 McLean 2 (1 pen.), Campbell, Wilson, Stuart
STIRLING A. . (0)....1 Grant
HIBERNIAN ... (0)....0

HOME					AWAY					
P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
29	13	1	0	57	14	Celtic	11	3	1	46	14	52
30	13	1	1	51	10	Rangers	10	3	2	36	17	50
30	9	2	3	38	20	Hibernian	8	1	6	27	24	37
28	8	2	4	22	16	Clyde	8	3	3	28	25	37
29	9	3	3	37	16	Aberdeen	6	2	5	25	17	36
29	8	4	3	29	17	Kilmarnock	7	2	5	25	24	36
30	8	4	3	30	14	Dundee	5	4	6	33	33	34
29	7	2	4	34	22	Dunfmline	5	6	5	25	22	32
28	6	3	5	28	27	Dundee U.	5	4	5	28	24	25
29	7	1	7	25	21	Airdrie	3	4	7	9	22	25
28	5	6	4	16	15	Hearts	3	2	8	14	26	24
29	5	4	6	16	18	Partick	4	1	8	21	41	24
28	4	6	3	29	22	Motherwl	2	5	8	21	31	23
28	7	3	5	27	28	S J'stone	2	1	10	21	36	22
28	6	5	3	19	21	Falkirk	4	2	7	19	32	21
29	4	7	4	16	23	Stirling A	2	2	10	9	42	18
29	4	0	11	18	46	S. Mirren	0	4	10	6	29	12
28	0	3	11	10	36	Ayr	0	3	11	7	38	6

SCOTTISH LEAGUE — DIV II

ALBION ..... (0)....0
ARBROATH ... (1)....1
CLYDEBANK .. (1)....0
COW'BEATH .. (0)....0
EAST FIFE ... (0)....0
E. STIRLING . (0)....1
MONTROSE ... (1)....3
QUEEN OF S. . (1)....2
STEN'MUIR .. (2)....3
DUMBARTON . (0)....2
STRANRAER . (0)....0
HAMILTON ... (0)....4
RAITH ..... (0)....1
MORTON ..... (1)....1
TH. LANARK . (0)....0
ALLOA ..... (0)....0
FORFAR ..... (1)....1
BRECHIN C. .. (0)....0

	W.	D.	L.	Pts		W.	D.	L.	Pts
Morton	20	2	1	42	Berwick	14	5	11	33
Arbroath	22	6	2	50	Montrose	11	6	13	28
Raith R.	24	4	2	50	Th Lanark	11	6	15	28
Hamilton	16	9	5	41	Alloa	11	4	17	26
Qn. of S.	18	6	6	38	Stenhsmuir	9	6	16	24
E. Fife	17	4	12	38	Forfar	10	2	20	22
Cowdnbth	16	6	14	34	Clydebank	7	8	20	22
Queen's P.	12	8	14	32	Brechin	6	5	19	21
Albion R.	14	5	15	33	Stenhsemr	6	6	16	20
Stranraer	13	7	14	33	E. Stirling	4	10	19	18

SCOTTISH RESERVE LEAGUE.—Aberdeen 1, Motherwell 2; Airdrie 3, St. Johnstone 7; Dunfermline 2, Rangers 5; Falkirk 0, Dundee Utd. 1; Hibernian 3, Stirling A. 0; Kilmarnock 1, Celtic 1; Partick 2, Hearts 1.

LONDON YOUTH CUP.—Semi-final—Arsenal 2, Spurs 1.

IRISH CUP.—Semi-finals—Bangor 2, Crusaders 3; Glentoran 1, Linfield 0.

IRISH LEAGUE.—City Cup—Portadown 1, Glenavon 2.

HIGHEST SCORE: 6; Swansea.
HIGHEST AGGREGATE: 6; Colchester 5, Walsall 1; Swansea 6, Doncaster 0.
Total number of goals scored in English and Scottish League and Scottish Cup matches: 152

WEEK-END REFEREES

STATE LEAGUE

Saturday, April 8

ALEXANDER v. LIONS (Schintler Reserve, Footscray), Delange, Lucas, [illegible]
HAKOAH v. POLONIA (Middle Park), Greenwood, Randall, Finnegan.
FOOTSCRAY-J.U.S.T. v. CROATIA (Olympic Park), Harrison, Keeler, Riches.

Sunday, April 9

GEORGE CROSS v. JUVENTUS (Selwyn Park, Sunshine), Maitland, Dixon, Frost.
PORT MELB.-SLAVIA v. STH. MELB.-HELLAS (Olympic Park), Straface, Jackson, Verniers.
MELBOURNE v. PRESTON MAKEDONIA (St. Kilda C.G.), Wootten, Ward, Mather.

FIRST DIVISION

Saturday, April 8

BRUNSWICK ATHENA v. SUNSHINE CITY, Lamb, Chetchti, Oracz.
ST. ALBANS v. RINGWOOD CITY WILHELMINA, Edwards, Ward, Mather.
DANDENONG CITY v. BOX HILL, Contini, Ricci, Xuereb.
ELWOOD AUSTRIA v. MARIBYRNONG TRIESTINA, Pedler, Hartley, Trevenna.
MORELAND THISTLE v. COBURG UNITED, Bartolo, Lechner, Boudrie.
SPRINGVALE v. SANDRINGHAM, Collington, Lazarich, Vallese.

SECOND DIVISION

ALTONA v. UNIVERSITY, Bakens.
PRAHRAN v. PARK RANGERS, Alexandrou.
BRIGHTON v. ALBION ROVERS, Radulovic.
GREEN GULLY AJAX v. FERNTREE GULLY, Pavlovic.
FRANKSTON v. BAYSWATER, Armstrong
RINGWOOD UTD. v. RICHMOND, Huddle

THIRD DIVISION

ESSENDON v. WAVERLEY, Slaats
MOORABBIN v. KEILOR CITY, Francis
GLENROY UTD. v. CROYDON, Thorn
CHELSEA v. HEIDELBERG, Muench
PRINCES PARK v. FLINDERS N.D., Mills.
SOUTH YARRA v. ST. KILDA, Browne.

FOURTH DIVISION

DONCASTER ROVERS v. YALLOURN, McIntosh.
NEWPORT v. MOOROOLBARK, Such.
LILYDALE v. DEER PARK I.C.I., Molloy.
CLAYTON v. MONASH UNIVERSITY, Venios.
MORNINGTON v. E. MELB. HELVETIC, Tisay.
ROSEBUD v. N. CARLTON OLYMPIC, Walker.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Sunday, April 9

DIVISION A

FISH. BEND G.M.H. v. WESTALL VW, Morabito.
LANGWARRIN A v. UNIV. GRADS., Lechner.
CROYDON 3rds v. CLARINDA, Trevenna.
CHADSTONE IND. v. C.Y.M.S. GLENROY. Zoumas.

DIVISION B

R.A.A.F. PT. COOK, Bye.
VICTORIA STAR v. W. SUNSHINE, Bonorie.
SYDENHAM v. YARRAVILLE, Kramp.
PARKVILLE v. CARLTON, Oracz.
FITZROY v. WEST PRESTON, Fillipo.

Provisional League Home Teams must advise results to V.S.F. office 94 4304 or 94 4112 by 10 a.m. Monday.

RESULTS, GOALSCORERS

Here are last weekend's State League results and goalscorers:—

HELLAS 7 (Kamboropoulos 2, Kokkinos 2, Damianakos 2, Pyrgolios) d. ALEXANDER 3 (Kriaris, Backovic, own goal); SLAVIA 1 (Reid) d. POLONIA 0; HAKOAH 4 (Monan 3, Armstrong) d. CROATIA 0; MELBOURNE 1 (Kurta) d. GEORGE CROSS 0; J.U.S.T. 4 (Hughes 2, Adamovic, Kazi) d. MAKEDONIA 2 (Datsevski, Craig); JUVENTUS 3 (Torcque 2, Lockhurst) d. LIONS 0.

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TAFFY'S FOCUS ON FORM POOLS

AGAIN a large number of Draws turned up last Saturday. Fourteen on the coupons in all, and seven in the English Second Division, the balance was Nine Aways and 28 Home winners.

You'll notice the majority of draws are Home teams struggling to avoid relegation at the bottom of the Leagues, with one or two of the top teams playing away fighting for that extra point to help them along the road to the top.

Again take notice how the draws fell on the coupons and I expect the first dividend will be worth having this week.

As I tipped, Littlewoods on their Treble Chance Pool paid £2,134/12/- for 22 points for 1d., and Vernons paid £1,648/8/- for 22 points for 1d.

The Three Draws dividend was surprisingly low for only six on the coupons, Vernons paid 204/-(£10/4/-) for 1/-, and Littlewoods 200/- (£10) for 1/-. That's the only thing I have against "perms" they cut the winnings down.

The Eight Results on Vernons paid 44/- for 1/- and the Nine Results on Littlewoods 16/- for 1/-. Not bad for the stake-saving system!

Manchester United seem to have the League Championship in their grasp after beating West Ham 3-0, of course, the United can't afford to take it easy with only six games left. They're only two points ahead of Notts Forest who had a 3-1 home win against Southampton. The Forest are still in the F.A. Cup and have that to worry about too.

Has the Merseyside bubble burst? Liverpool, the reigning Champs — they lost 1-3 to Tottenham — had a bad Easter, the Liverpuddians won only three points from their last five matches. In my book this poor show has put them right out of the race.

Sir Alf Ramsey was at the Spurs game. Did he make a note of Jimmy Greaves scoring two of their goals, one from a direct corner and the other a lob over the goalie's head from the edge of the penalty area? England play Scotland in the Nations' Cup qualifying round in two weeks time.

West Bromwich Albion, at the other end of the table, kept alive their hopes of avoiding relegation when they beat bottom-of-table, Blackpool, 3-0.

The exclusive Home and Away form of all the teams printed on this page is a great help and worth studying. For instance look at the Second Division, Wolverhampton W., and Coventry City with only six League games to play, seem certain of promotion already, their lead of six points from their nearest rivals Blackburn is a great advantage.

In Division 3, Queens Park Rangers increased their lead to nine points after beating bottom team Workington 2-0, nearest rivals Bristol Rovers could only manage a draw, 1-1, at home to Peterborough.

Remember at the start of the season last August I wrote from Wales that I thought Middlesbrough would not be down in the Third for long? They still have an outside chance of going up with Q.P.R., it's a late run but be with me. and follow the 'Broughs.

Stockport County retain their two points lead in Div. 4 after their 3-0 away win at Exeter City. I fancy Southend United will join Barrow and Southport into Division 3.

In Scotland the big surprise was the goal-less draw in the Scottish Cup semi-final between Celtic and part-timers Clyde. Celtic are so good I could hardly believe my ears when I first heard the result. They looked such a good home banker that Vernons did not put the match in their to be on them in the replay.

Aberdeen go into the final by narrowly beating Dundee United by the only goal scored.

The other Scottish shock was the defeat of Rangers at home by middle-of-the-table Dunfermline. It was Rangers' first home loss in 29 games and this could cost them any chance they had of taking the League title from Celtic.

Now for NEXT SATURDAY WEEK, APRIL 15. My word, look at that date, there's not many more weeks left for the Pommy season. Don't leave it too late be with me on the following to win at Home:

NINE RESULTS

*Burnley, *Manchester United, *Notts Forest, Hull City, *Millwall Ath., Portsmouth, *Bristol Rovers, *Middlesbrough, *Swansea Town, Aldershot, *Brentford, Hartlepools United, Southend United, Clyde.

FOUR AWAYS

*Leicester City, *Crystal Palace, *Wolverhampton W., Mansfield Town, *Southport, Barrow Town.

THREE DRAWS

Sheffield United v. Chelsea, Northampton Town v. Carlisle United, Oldham Ath. v. Queens Park Rangers.

TREBLE CHANCE

Leeds United v. Liverpool, *Sheffield United v. Chelsea, *Tottenham v. Sheffield Wed., Birmingham v. Derby County, *Northampton Town v. Carlisle United, *Plymouth Argyle v. Blackburn Rovers, *Colchester United v. Torquay United, Oldham Ath. v. Queens Park Rangers, *Workington v. Swindon Town, Barnsley v. Crewe Alexander, Luton Town v. Barrow Town, Airdrieonians v. Rangers, *Falkirk v. Hearts, *Partick Thistle v. Celtic.

* Indicates Best Selections

—GOOD LUCK, TAFFY.

THIS WEEK-END IN N.S.W.

SATURDAY

Pan Hellenic v. Hakoah, at Wentworth Park.
Melita Eagles v. Polonia, Mona Park.
Canterbury Marrickville v. Yugal, at Arlington Oval.

SUNDAY

Prague v. Croatia, at Sydney Athletic Field.
St. George Budapest v. Apia, at Hurstville Oval.
South Coast v. Cumberland United, at Woonona.

N.S.W. COMPETITION TABLE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Apia	2	2	0	0	7	0	4
Hakoah	2	2	0	0	9	2	4
Prague	2	2	0	0	8	2	4
Croatia	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Pan Hellenic	2	1	1	0	7	4	2
Melita Eagles	2	1	1	0	3	3	2
Yugal	2	1	1	0	4	6	2
South Coast	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Polonia	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
St. Geo. Budapest	2	0	1	1	2	7	1
Canterbury	2	0	2	0	1	7	0
Cumberland United	2	0	2	0	1	7	0

Gornik (Zabrze), the Polish champions, are expected to tour Australia next season. The tour will be sponsored by Polonia (Sydney).

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FIRST DIVISION.

	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Elwood Austria	2	—	—	8	0	4
St. Albans	2	—	—	4	0	4
Springvale	1	1	—	4	3	3
Bruns Athena	1	1	—	3	2	3
Triestina	—	1	1	3	3	2
Moreland Thistle	1	—	1	3	3	2
Ringwood City	—	1	1	3	3	2
Sunshine City	—	1	1	2	3	2
Box Hill	—	1	1	2	3	2
Dandenong City	—	1	1	1	4	2
Coburg United	—	1	1	0	5	2
Sandringham	—	1	2	0	3	1

SECOND DIVISION

	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Green Gully	2	—	—	7	1	4
Albion Rovers	2	—	—	4	1	4
Frankston	1	1	—	6	4	3
Altona	1	1	—	4	3	3
Brighton	—	1	1	2	3	2
Ringwood Ut

OVERSEAS, JUNIOR RESULTS

WEST GERMANY

Fortuna Duesseldorf 0, Munich 60 1; Bayern Munich 2 1, F.C. Cologne 0; Hanover 96 2, Werder Bremen 1; Hamburg SV 1, VFB Stuttgart 1; Karlsruhe SC 0, FC Nuremberg 1; FC Kaiserslautern 0, MSV Duisburg 0; Borussia Moenchengladbach 4, Rotweiss Essen 3; FC Schalke 04 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 1; Borussia Dortmund 0, Eintracht Brunswick 0.

AUSTRIA

Wiener Sportclub 3, Sturm Graz 0; F.C. Vienna 3, Kapfenberg 2; Lask 0, Admira Energie 0; Wiener Neustadt 0, Wacker Wien 1; Wacker Innsbruck 3, Rapid 0; G.A.K. 1, S.W. Bregenz 0; F.C. Austria Wien 1, F.C. Austria Klagenfurt 0.

YUGOSLAVIA

Zagreb 0, Rijeka 0; Velez 1, Radnicki 0; Olimpija 1, Sarajevo 2; Hajduk 1, Red Star 0; Partizan 1, OFK Belgrade 0; Zeljeznicar 0, Vojvodina 1; Sutjeska 1, Vardar 0; Celik 0, Dinamo 0.

GREECE

Panionios 0, Olympiakos 0; Aek 3, Aris 0; Panathinaikos 2, Egaleo 1; Paok 2, Ethnikos 0; Proodeftiki 1, Apollon 1; Vizas 1, Pierikos 0; Heraklis 1, Veria 1; Trikala 2, Panserraikos 1.

SWITZERLAND

Granges 0, Basle 4; Moutier 1, Lausanne 3; Servette (Geneva) 5, Chaux-de-Fonds 0; Sion 0, Bienne 1; Young Boys (Berne) 0, Grasshoppers (Zurich) 3; Young Fellows (Zurich) 1, Lugano 2; Zurich 2, Winterthur 1.

PORTUGAL

Porto 1, Benfica 1; Sporting 3, Guimaraes 0; Academica 6, Belenenses 0; Atletico 3, Beira Mar 0; Braga 2, Setubal 3; Cuf 0, Sanjoanense 0; Varzim 1, Leixoes 1.

FRANCE

Lyon 1, Angers 0; Rennes 2, Monaco 1; Angouleme 2, Lens 0; Sochaux 1, Bastia 2.

SPAIN

Sabadell 1, Granada 0; Cordoba 3, Sevilla 0; Elche 1, Espanol 1; Atletico Madrid 0, Real Zarogazo 0; Valencia 0, Real Madrid 0.

RUSSIA

The 29th Soccer championship of the U.S.S.R.: Tbilisi "Dynamo" 2, Moscow "Locomotive" 2; Lugansk "Zarya" 1, Moscow "Spartak" 0; Baku "Neftyannik" 0, Kiev "Dynamo" 1; Yerevan "Ararat" 1, Odessa "Chernomorets" 1; Rostov-on-Don Army Sports Club 0, Minsk "Dynamo" 0; Donetsk "Shakhtyor" 2, Leningrad "Zenith" 0; Tashkent "Pakhtakor" 1, Central Army Sports Club 1; Alma Ata "Kairat" 1, Kuibyshev "Wings of the Soviets" 0; Kutaisi "Torpedo" 1, Moscow "Torpedo" 0; Moscow "Dynamo" had a bye in the first round.

JUNIORS

Details of junior matches of the opening round in Western Suburban Leagues played last Saturday and Sunday:

Under 16: Altona 1 lost to Ardeer 8. Best for Altona: M. Micevski, P. Littlewood, G. Sobota. Sunshine Heights 1 (own goal, P. Jovic) lost to Footscray-J.U.S.T. 5 (V. Bekut 2, D. Todorovic, M. Udorovic, L. Lofitis). Best — J.U.S.T.: P. Jovic, P. Distefano, S. Frantzeskos; Sunsh. Hgts: C. Borg, J. Sciberrars, E. Zahra. Sunshine City 1 (Kokoska) lots to West Newport 2 (Borg, Gladycz). Best — West Newport: Christakakis, B. Gladycz, L. Lacny. St. Albans 0 lost to Newport 11 (Brackiewicz 6, Sobczyk 5). Best —Newport: D. Miller, R. Sobczyk, Kempa.

Under 14: Brooklyn Hostel 4 (Blour 2, McNeil 2) d. Ardeer 2 (Slwinski, Niemczyk). Best — Brooklyn: Margerison, Bluor, McNeil; Ardeer: M. Slwinski, Niemczyk. Newport 3 (Schiena, Coppola, Ceasar) d. Corio-Geelong 1. Best — Newport: Ceasar, Skalka, George. Altona 1 (J. Collins) lost to Sunshine City 4 (Kotaridis 3, Aganosta). Best — Altona: J. Collins, M. Micevski, I. Hughes; Sunshine City: G. Kotaridis, J. Spiteri, J. Scholten. Footscray-J.U.S.T. 8 (A. Dosen 4, S. Pepe 2, J. Santos, B. Andrews) d. Sunshine Heights 0. Best — J.U.S.T.: P. Divitarov, J. Picioane, G. Martinovic; Sunsh. Hgts: C. Fsadni, V. Armeni, P. Formosa. Ajax 1 drew with Deer Park I.C.I. 1. Keilor City 10 d. St. Albans 0.

Under 12: Altona "A" 9 (Little 7, Bebend, Reardon) d. Newport 0. Best — Altona: N. Little, R. Gilpin, R. Gramsberger. Newport: N. Sussa, J. Marama, J. Adamczevicz. St. Albans 3 d. Altona "B" 0. Best—Altona: S. Walker, P. Dean, J. Daley. Altona H (Hilton, Hamill) dre Sunshine City "A" 2 gan, Spiteri). Best - tel: Hamill, Hilton, head; Sunsh. City Banagan, N. Spite Davies. South Suns lost to Keilor City 4 briel 2, Bennet, Best — Sth. Sunsh Bennet, W. Boudr Nuttal. Footscray- "Whites" 5 (Kostro Goodchild 2) d. Lech Newport 0. Best — I. Mukavec, L. Mil Sucevic; West Newp Carabott, R. Lipiar Bonnici. Sunshine C 4 (Revers, Norri Footscray-J.U.S.T. " 2 (Rodczenko, Skocir —City "B": A. Nor O'Brien, S. Revers; J. M. Suban, S. Pelo Haywood.

Victoria name 10 'internationals'

From MARTIN ASTON in Sydney

Nigel Shepherd, who has no intention of ever playing again in Victoria, is one of the State's 10 nominations for the Australian squad for the coming international matches against Scotland.

The others are:—

Billy Rice (J.U.S.T.).
Frank Micic (J.U.S.T.).
Marko Fode (J.U.S.T.).
Colin Myers (Melbourne).
Attila Abonyi (Melbourne).
John Anderson (Hellas).
Hammy McMeechan (Croatia).
Tom Randels (Slavia).
Billy Cook (Slavia).

Victoria's premission is being sought to allow Shepherd to undergo a month's circuit training with the N.S.W. squad.

He was at Sydney's Wentworth Park on Monday night to undergo a medical examination with the other N.S.W. players by Sports Medicine Association doctors Brian Corrigan and Ivan Davis.

It is expected that Shepherd's transfer to Sydney's Croatia club will be completed by the end of the week.

The preliminary squad in each State will spend one night a week for the next month undergoing circuit training devised by Dr. Corrigan in a bid to bring the potential Australian players to peak physical fitness.

Ray Baartz, who was transferred from Newcastle a fortnight ago for an Australian record transfer fee to join Hakoah, is a late addition to the N.S.W. nominations.

This follows a brilliant display last Sunday in which Baartz scored two of Hakoah's goals and set up the other in a 3-1 victory over Melita Eagles.

He had not been picked in the original squad.

Eight Apia players, including Jim Sambrook, who is currently playing in the second team, have been chosen in the N.S.W. squad.

Les Scheinflug, a former Australian captain, and Archie Blue, who was shockingly out of form until he gave an improved showing for Apia last Saturday, have failed to gain a place in the squad.

The N.S.W. squad is:

Apia: Bill Rorke, Cliff Van Blerk, Stan Ackerley, George Nuttall, Jim Sambrook, Pat Hughes, John Watkiss, Johnny Giacometti.

Hakoah: Peter Fuzes, Allan Marnoch, John Duffy, Bob Fekete, Jim Harding, Ray Baartz.

Croatia: Ron Corry, Vic Reynolds, Ray Cush, Frank Cush.

South Coast: Max Tolson, Denis Paterson, Phil Carr.

Prague: Vic Povey.

Cumberland United: John Keddie.

St. George Budapest: John Warren.

Canterbury Marrickville: Graham Clarke.

Yugal: Joe Alagich.

Pan Hellenic: Allan Westwater.

John Perin, who is one of the most precociously talented young players in the country, is one of South Australia's seven nominations.

The others are: Tommy McColl (Juventus), Peter Worthington (Hellas), Peter West (Juventus), Steve Herczeg (Juventus), A. Batchelor (Elizabeth City) and Nick Pantelis (Hellas).

Queensland's two nominations are G. Wilkins, of Hollandia-Inala, and R. Kelly, of Coalstars.

TRANSFERRED

Peter Laraman, the former Victorian star, has been transferred from Sydney's Hakoah club to Pan Hellenic for an undisclosed amount.

He had proved to be an expensive flop since leaving Slavia.

Pan Hellenic have no such complaints because Laraman scored the first goal of his new team's 5-1 victory over Cumberland United last Sunday.

WALK OUT

Karl Jaros, the player coach of Melita Eagles, caused a stir by walking out on the club half an hour before last Sunday's game against Hakoah.

He had been arguing with officials over money.

Melita Eagles is now likely to appoint Frank Broome, the former England international, as non-playing coach.

RECORD FEE

Ray Baartz, the young Newcastle boy for whom Sydney's Hakoah club recently paid a record transfer fee of $5,600, is making an early bid for a place in Australia's team for the coming matches against Scotland.

He scored two of Hakoah's goals and set up the other for Gerry Hood when his new club scored a 3-1 victory over Melita Eagles last Sunday.

Results:—

Hakoah 3 (Baartz 2, Hood) beat **Melita Eagles** 1 (Stuart).

Prague 5 (Povey 2, Lissing, Manuel, Blanco) beat **Canterbury Marrickville** 1 (Stuart).

Apia 5 (Watkiss 2, Giacometti, Blue, Kerklaan) beat **Yugal** 0.

St. George Budapest 1 (Warren) drew with **Polonia** 1 (Gaik).

Pan Hellenic 5 (Karagianis 2, Laraman, Logan, Smith) beat **Cumberland United** 1 (Goldie).

OUR JUNIORS ARE DYING -JUST's claim

Footscray J.U.S.T. believes the Under 18's in Victorian Soccer are dying a slow death.

It is the club's view that there is no bridge between the juniors and seniors.

A Footscray clubman said yesterday only three under-18 teams will be in existence this year "because of some silly set-up."

The junior season opened last Saturday and J.U.S.T.'s U-18 team was left out.

"This means five years of hard work has gone with the wind," he said.

"We have nearly 20 promising under-18's and we will now lose them because we have no team to play."

The Footscray official criticised V.S.F. teams because they were not supporting juniors.

"My club wants the under-18's to get a fair deal because we are sick of importing players from overseas each year.

"The long-range plan we have for juniors is falling apart.

"All our hard work is wasted.

"Our under-16's this year won't have any competition next season under the present set-up," he said.

FOOTNOTE: The Victorian Federation decided to look into the matter at their meeting on Thursday.

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FOOTSCRAY-J.U.S.T. v. CROATIA (Olympic Park)
HAKOAH v. POLONIA (Middle Park)
ALEXANDER v. LIONS (Schintler Reserve, Footscray).
SUNDAY, APRIL 9
SLAVIA v. STH. MELB.-HELLAS (Olympic Park)
GEORGE CROSS v. JUVENTUS (Selwyn Park, Sunshine)
MELBOURNE v. PRESTON-MAKEDONIA (St. Kilda Cricket Ground)
Reserves 1 p.m.; League game 2.45 p.m.

Basil Kourkalakous, Alexander centre-half, beats South Melbourne-Hellas centre-forward, Elysses Kokinos, to the ball at Middle Park on Sunday. Hellas won 7-3.

Joe Keenan, former Croatia and Hakoah left winger had a good start with his new club in Sydney, Cumberland. He's rated one of the best left wingers in N.S.W.

Last week Joe was seen in Melbourne in the company of Melbourne-Hungaria star centre half Barry Taylor who recently left Melbourne to settle in Sydney.

It looks that he'll join Keenan and Goldie (ex George Cross) with Cumberland. But take it for granted that Melbourne will ask a four figure transfer fee for him.—**S. Kalus.**

United will miss Herd

A badly fractured leg will preve David Herd, the former Scottish int national centre-forward, from coming Manchester United's tour of Australia

The club's manager Matt Busby has revealed this in a radio telephone call to the Australian Soccer Federation secretary, Ian McAndrew.

"The break is a bad one," said Busby.

Both bones were broken in Herd's left leg during a match against Leicester City.

The leg is expected to be in plaster for about three months.

Busby said that Herd's injury had come as a blow to Manchester U chance of coming to tralia as the reigning of English football.

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